In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An electrical switching device comprising

an ingoing; ~~and~~

an outgoing conductor; ~~and~~

an arrangement for connecting and disconnecting the conductors by means of an axial movement, said arrangement comprising an axially movable element, said element being movable between a first and a second position; and ~~wherein~~

~~the switching device comprises~~ a second outgoing conductor,

~~said arrangement comprises an axially movable element, said element being movable between a first and a second position, and~~

wherein the device is arranged such that when the axially movable element is in the first position, the ingoing conductor and the first outgoing conductor are electrically connected and the ingoing conductor and the second outgoing conductor are disconnected, and when the axially movable element is in the second position, the ingoing conductor and the first outgoing conductor are disconnected and the ingoing conductor and the second outgoing conductor are electrically connected, and wherein the device is arranged submerged in a dielectric medium.

2. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 1, wherein the ingoing conductor is connected to the first outgoing conductor via a first middle-piece having an electrically insulating portion, ~~that~~ wherein the ingoing conductor is connected to the second

outgoing conductor via a second middle-piece having an electrically insulating portion, and ~~that~~ wherein said insulating portions are axially displaced relative to each other.

3. (previously amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 1, wherein each of said middle-pieces comprises conducting portions arranged on opposite sides of each insulating portion.

4. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 2, wherein the axially movable element comprises a first and a second contact member, and ~~that~~ wherein the axial position of the contact members relative to said insulating portions determines whether the ingoing conductor is electrically connected or disconnected to the first or second outgoing conductor.

5. (previously amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 4, wherein the axially movable element comprises at least four gland seals arranged on opposite sides of the first and the second contact member.

6. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 4, wherein the first and the second contact member are essentially tubular, ~~that~~ wherein the longitudinal axis of the first contact member and the longitudinal axis of the first middle-piece are arranged coaxially, and ~~that~~ wherein the longitudinal axis of the second contact member and the longitudinal axis of second middle-piece are arranged coaxially.

7. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 2, wherein the ingoing conductor comprises a first conductor element linearly displaced relative to the first outgoing conductor and a second conductor element linearly displaced relative to the second outgoing conductor and ~~that~~ wherein said middle-pieces are provided within the space between the conductor elements and the outgoing conductors.

8. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 1, wherein the first ingoing conductor is adapted for providing electrical power of a first phase, ~~that~~ the device ~~comprises~~ further comprising:

a second ingoing conductor adapted for providing electrical power of a second phase,

a third, and

a fourth outgoing conductor, ~~and that~~

wherein the device is arranged such that when the axially movable element is in the first position, the second ingoing conductor and the third outgoing conductor are connected and the second ingoing conductor and the fourth outgoing conductor are disconnected and when the axially movable element is in the second position, the second ingoing conductor and the third outgoing conductor are disconnected and the second ingoing conductor and the fourth outgoing conductor are connected.

9. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 8, ~~wherein the device comprises~~ further comprising:

a third ingoing conductor adapted for providing electrical power of a third phase,

a fifth, and

a sixth outgoing conductor, ~~and that~~

wherein the device is arranged such that when the axially movable element is in the first position, the third ingoing conductor and the fifth outgoing conductor are connected and the third ingoing conductor and the sixth outgoing conductor are disconnected and when the axially movable element is in the second position, the third ingoing conductor and the fifth outgoing conductor are disconnected and the third ingoing conductor and the sixth outgoing conductor are connected.

10. (previously amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 1, wherein said arrangement comprises an actuator element for hydraulically moving said axially movable element.

11. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim 1, wherein the first ~~(2)~~ and the second ~~(3)~~ outgoing conductor are adapted for being alternately connected to a first and a second electrical unit, which units are redundant, and ~~that~~ wherein the conductors are adapted for supplying power to the circuits.

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim ~~12~~ 1, wherein said dielectric medium is an isolating mineral or synthetic oil.

14. (currently amended) The electrical switching device according to claim ~~12~~ 1,

wherein the movable element is provided with at least one passage for transportation of said dielectric medium through the movable element.

15. (previously amended) Use of a device according to claim 1 for sub-sea electrical power distribution applications.

16. (currently amended) A method for connecting and disconnecting at least one ingoing conductor and at least two outgoing electrical conductors, comprising:

submerging the at least one ingoing conductor and the at least two outgoing electrical conductors in a dielectric medium,

moving an axially movable element from a first position to a second position, thereby disconnecting the ingoing conductor and the first outgoing conductor and connecting the ingoing conductor and the second outgoing conductor, and

moving the axially movable element from the second position to the first position, thereby disconnecting the ingoing conductor and the second outgoing conductor and connecting the ingoing conductor and the first outgoing conductor.

17. (previously amended) The method according to claim 16, whereby electrical power of a first phase is provided by the first ingoing conductor, electrical power of a second phase being provided by a second ingoing conductor, and during said movement of said element from the first position to the second position, the second ingoing conductor and a third outgoing conductor are disconnected and the second ingoing conductor and a fourth outgoing conductor are connected, and during said movement of said element from the second position to the first

position, the second ingoing conductor and the third outgoing conductor are connected and the second ingoing conductor and the fourth outgoing conductor are disconnected.

18. (previously amended) The method according to claim 17, whereby electrical power of a third phase being provided by a third ingoing conductor, and during said movement of said element from the first position to the second position, the third ingoing conductor and a fifth outgoing conductor are disconnected and the third ingoing conductor and a sixth outgoing conductor are connected, and during said movement of said element from the second position to the first position, the third ingoing conductor and the fifth outgoing conductor are connected and the third ingoing conductor and the sixth outgoing conductor are disconnected.